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Amendment in Reply to Office Action mailed on January 30, 2006

REMARKS

The following remarks are being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2006, which has been reviewed and carefully considered.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1, 10-11 and 18 have been amended, and claims 21-22 have been added. Claims 1-22 are now pending in this application, with claims 1, 10 and 18 being the only independent claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Without agreeing with the Examiner, and in the interest of advancing prosecution, claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection to the claim 1 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 10-11, 13-14, 16, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by GB 2330474 (Hong). Further, claims 1-3, 5-6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Hong in view of

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U.S. Patent No. 6,870,573 (Yeo). Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Hong and Yeo in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,804,825 (White). Claims 4 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Hong and Yeo in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0230992 (Yuen). Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Hong in view of White. Further, Claims 12, 17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Hong and Yuen. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-22 are patentable over Hong, Yeo, White and Yuen for at least the following reasons.

Hong is directed to a method for providing channel information by still images as shown in FIG 4 and described on page 9, line 19. When a specific program is selected from the program guide menu shown in FIG 4, motion pictures of the selected specific program, e.g., "PGA TODAY", is displayed together with the corresponding channel number and program title, as shown in FIG 5 and described on page 11, lines 21-24.

As clearly shown in FIG 5, the motion picture of the selected program is shown by itself. That is, the information and still

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images related to the other non-selected channels shown in FIG 4 are no longer shown.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 10 and 18, amongst other patentable elements, requires (illustrative emphasis provided):

means to select one window of said plurality of windows to reveal a sequential showing of respective key frame images of one program associated with the one window, while remaining windows of said plurality of windows continue to display previously displayed images of said key frame images, wherein the sequential showing represents a continuum of the one program as it progresses;

Revealing a sequential showing of key frame images of a selected program while continuing to display previously displayed images are nowhere taught or suggested in Hong. Rather, Hong teaches to only show motion pictures of the selected program without showing the previously displayed still images of the other non-selected channels shown in FIG 4 are no longer shown. Thus, Hong teaches away from continuing to display previously displayed images when a program is selected and sequential showing of key frame images of the selected program is revealed.

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Yeo teaches in FIG 9 and associated description thereof on column 10, lines 4-6, that 'nine different videos in the form of frames captured from nine available channels over the past N minutes are animated simultaneously.' (Emphasis added) Thus, Yeo too teaches away from revealing a sequential showing of key images of a selected program while continuing to display previously displayed images. Rather, videos of all channels are simultaneously shown in Yeo.

White and Yuen are cited in rejecting dependent claims to allegedly show other features and do not remedy the deficiencies in Hong and Yuen.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 10 and 18 should be allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-9, 11-17 and 19-22 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1, 10 and 18.

Dependent claims 21-22 also include patentable subject matter. In particular, Hong, Yeo, White and Yuen, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest that the "sequential showing of said respective key frame images of said one program includes flashing

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images of said respective key frame images, as recited in claim 21; or that the grid is displayed on a remote controller of the television program selection system," as recited in claim 22.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due beyond the fee for additional claims to be charged to the credit card as noted by the enclosed authorization. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to Applicants' representatives Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3649.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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